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FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY  
BATTERY AND ELECTRODE  
STRUCTURE HAVING THE  
ELECTRODE MATERIAL

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than the U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

Japan 2003-109590, Japan 2003-77529, Japan 2002-42805, and Japan 2001-273892 were cited in the International Search Report and/or Written Opinion which issued in the corresponding international application. A copy of the International Search Report and a copy of the Written Opinion are enclosed.

The following documents are discussed at the following pages of the specification:

<u>Documents</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
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The following foreign patent documents are believed to be in the same patent family as the following U.S. patent documents:

<u>Foreign Documents</u>	<u>U.S. Patent Documents</u>
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WO 00/17949	U.S. 6,730,434
WO 00/17948 and Japan 2000-311681	U.S. 6,949,312

An English-language abstract for each of the Japanese and the PCT/WO documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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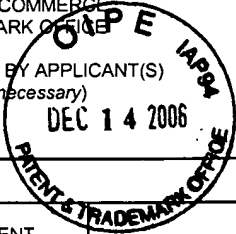
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